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Report on Source Area Soil Assessment

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Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has reviewed the report, *Source Area Soil Assessment*. The soil assessment was conducted to further evaluate the lateral and vertical extent of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) contamination in soils at the former Al Phillips the Cleaners (APTC) in the former Maryland Square Shopping Center.

The soil assessment report stated that "remedial actions will be based upon the results of this additional soil assessment, a cost/benefit analysis, and an agreed upon site-specific cleanup level (SSCL)." The report recommends soil vapor extraction (SVE) rather than excavation, based solely on cost. However, insufficient itemized cost data are provided for the proposed remedy of SVE, and assumptions used for the basis of the cost estimate are not clearly described. It appears that costs for SVE are based on the assumption of two years of operation without any analysis of how long it will take to go from 120,000 µg/kg to 100 µg/kg PCE in site soils.

In addition, the report does not address overall effectiveness and timeliness of the proposed SVE remedy. Criteria typically evaluated during remedy selection include effectiveness (can interim action levels be achieved?), timeliness (what is the short-term effectiveness of the remedy?), implementability (will the remedy work at the specific site?), and stakeholder acceptance of the proposed remedy. With regard to effectiveness, the report should consider how well an SVE system will work in an area with a thick layer of well-cemented caliche. (The NDEP notes that the highest concentrations of PCE are contained within the caliche layer.)

Requirements

The NDEP cannot approve the proposed remedial method without additional information; therefore, the NDEP requests additional clarification on several issues related to the proposed alternative of SVE. The NDEP requires that the timeliness and effectiveness of the proposed remedy, not simply the cost, be evaluated. The NDEP also requires that a detailed cost estimate be provided for the SVE remedy, and that relevant examples of URS's successful employment of SVE systems under similar circumstances be provided for review. Finally, provide calculations for a best estimate of the pounds of PCE that will be extracted per year, then confirm with the Clark County Department of Air Quality what types of emission controls may be required.





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The NDEP requests the following information no later than March 20, 2007:

- o Itemized cost estimates for the two alternative remedies: SVE and excavation with offsite disposal.
- O Design specifications of the SVE pilot test and proposed duration of test, including an equipment list and data collection requirements.
- O Documentation supporting successful implementation of SVE systems in similar environments (heterogeneous soils with contamination in thick caliche layers) for similar levels of contamination (120,000 μg/L PCE), and the time frame for achieving action levels.
- o All additional information, analysis and evaluation requested in this letter.

Please contact me at (775) 687-9496 or msiders@ndep.nv.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely.

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ERRATUM:

Note that there is an error in the third bullet on the second page of the NDEP letter. The concentration of PCE in soil was 120,000 μ g/kg, <u>not</u> 120,000 μ g/L.